metres; problems of high pressure and mud loss continued and drill string got stuck at 2862 metres. Liquidation of the fish is in progress.

(c) Services of Drilling Consultants from America have been taken and plan of future operations have been prepared by ONGC engineers in consultation with the American experts.

LPG connections

731. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections given to consumers during the calendar year 1985;

(b) the number of applicants for new L.P.G. connections on the waiting list in the country as on 31st December, 1985; and

(c) by when they are likely to get the new gas connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) During January—December, 1985, 16.13 lakhs LPG connections were released.

(b) As on 31-12-1985 approximately 37 lakh applications were pending for allotment of LPG connections.

(c) Connections to persons on the waiting list are being released in a phased manner under the annual customer enrolment programme of the oil companies which is presently around 16 lakhs per annum. Release of connections is determined by augmentation in LPG availability as well as of infrastructure like bottling plants, transportation facilities and distributorships net work.

Production of crude oil

732. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much crude oil was produced by O.N.G.C. during the calendar year 1985;

(b) what is the likely production during the year 1986; and

(c) in view of rapidly growing demand of Petroleum and Petroleum products what steps Government propose to take to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) 27.23 million tonnes.

(b) During 1986-87 the target for crude oil production of ONGC is 27.37 million tonnes.

(c) Some of the steps proposed to increase the production are:—

1. Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

2. Intensification of work-over operations.

3. Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

4. Induction of advanced technology.

Malpractices by gas dealers in Bhiwani

733. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned *'Gas Upbhoktaon ki Pareshani'* which appeared in the *Nav Bharat Times* of 20th January, 1986;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether Government are aware of the malpractices and irregularties being practised by M/s. Parveen Gas Service, Bhiwani; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take against the said agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) LPG distributors are under instructions from the oil companies not to pressurise the customers to purchase LPG stoves from the distributor concerned at the time of release of new gas connections and customers have the liberty to purchase the stoves from anywhere as long as these carry ISI certification mark. Occasionally, complaints are received about undue pressure upon customers. These are enquired into and punitive action under the LPG Marketing Discipline Guidelines is taken by the oil companies against erring distributors. A backlog in LPG refill supplies has developed in the Northern region since January, 1986 owing to inadequate bottling at some plants in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Some complaints alleging forceful sale of hot plates were received against M/s. Parveen Gas Service, Bhiwani. All these complaints were investigated and the distributor has been cautioned not to use coercive tactics.

Import of crude oil

734. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contracts have been entered into with foreign countries for the supply of crude oil to India during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and the quantity of the crude oil to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No such contracts have been entered into so far for 1986.

(b) Does not arise.

Power share to Haryana from Central projects

735. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the State of Haryana is receiving its share of power from the Central projects during the last three years (year-wise) stating the reasons for the shortfall in its share of power, if any; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure that the State of Haryana receives its full share of power from the Central projects to tide over the continuous shortage of power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Power supply received by Haryana as against its share from Sing-